

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Katsuhiro SUGIYAMA, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2629
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Application No.: 10/578,348	)	Examiner: Robert M. STONE
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Filed: May 5, 2006	)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING	)	Confirmation No.: 5177
UNIT AND METHOD, AND	)	
PROGRAM	)	

**VIA EFS-WEB**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2009, the period for response to which extends through March 1, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.